

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

On Page 38, lines 2 to 7 (Abstract), please substitute the following rewritten Abstract:

-- A structure is prepared from a vertebral body having a cancellous bone volume. The structure has a cavity, which is located wholly within the vertebral body and is peripherally defined by a layer of cancellous bone that has been compressed to form a compressed bone region. Another region of substantially uncompressed cancellous bone occupies at least a portion of the remaining cancellous bone volume. A bone filling material occupies the cavity. --